



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### SITUATION REPORT

#### Mississippi River Flooding

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Heavy Rains and flood waters from the North Central States continue to cause some flooding problems along the Mississippi River and it's smaller tributaries in Northeast Missouri. In all counties adjacent to the Mississippi River, there is lowland flooding and some roads have been inundated by the high water.

**Clark County:** The county has been experiencing lowland flooding for the last week. Missouri supplemental Highway P has been closed because of high water. Numerous residents of the City of Alexandria have voluntarily evacuated because of fear that the levee might fail. SEMA personnel arrived yesterday in Alexandria to assess the situation and reported no flooding in the city of Alexandria and the river has crested and been falling since Sunday. Minor scouring of Gravel Roads and ditches in the county were observed. Hwy 61 at Hwy A closed due to water over the road.

**Lewis County:** No reports submitted.

**Scotland County:** Some agricultural flooding associated with the heavy rains from last weekend, estimated crop loss from the County Commissioner is approximately \$150,000.

**Marion County/Hannibal:** The county has experienced lowland agricultural flooding. The city closed their flood gates and seem to be in good shape since the crest level is 5 feet below the top of the flood wall. Though late reports show backflow water into the downtown area and behind the Floodwall. River is expected to crest today below the top of the flood wall in Hannibal.

**Pike County:** The county has experienced some lowland and agricultural area flooding. Highway 79 has been closed in several places between Louisiana to Clarksville and Clarksville to Annada. A couple of businesses in Louisiana and Clarksville have been inundated by high water. Clarksville has requested some sandbags, SEMA worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to get sandbags released for those requesting from their Elsberry site. Additionally, volunteers and inmates from the Vandalia Correctional Center have been filling sandbags in the downtown area of Clarksville.

**Lincoln County:** Lowland and agricultural land is experiencing flooding, especially along the Cuivre River in the area of Old Monroe. The levee at Winfield is holding up well and the anticipated river crest will be below the levee height. Crest is expected on 5-19-01. Sandbags have been released from the Corps of Engineers to communities on a by request basis.

**SEMA Actions:** SEMA dispatched three personnel yesterday to the counties in Northeast Missouri. They are assessing the situation in all counties. They visited Clark and Lewis Counties yesterday, reports as listed above. Today the assessment team will be traveling south from Hannibal to Winfield in Lincoln County to assess the situation.

Area Coordinators remain in contact with the local emergency management officials to help assess the situation.

**FORECAST:** The river forecast for the next week from the National Weather Service show that the Mississippi River will be cresting starting in the Canton Area today through the rest of the week down to the St. Louis area. The weather and more specifically the amount of moisture received, will determine how accurate the forecast is, the weather will continue to be unseasonably hot and humid until today when a cold front is expected to cross the area and expected to bring showers through the day on Thursday. Additional showers are expected this weekend. The Missouri River will continue to experience higher levels than normal but remain below flood stage in most locations. The high water is due to a backup from the high levels along the Mississippi River.